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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY FOOD SHIPMENTS TO MALI

PARIS FOR HOWARD HELMAN

1. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS AID/W CONCERN OVER SOCOPAO PERFORMANCE ON COTONOU FOOD RELIEF SHIPMENTS WITH MR. JACQUES TERRISSE AT SCAC/SOCOPAO HDQUARTERS IN PARIS.
TELEPHONE: 256-47-00.

2. OUR CONCERN PREDATES CURRENT SOCIO-POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN DAHOMEY AND IS CENTERED ON SOCOPAO PERFORMANCE OVER PERIOD APRIL 23 THRU MAY 30. DURING PERIOD IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NO RPT NO RELIEF FOODS WERE FORWARDED BY SOCOPAO/COTONOU ON TWELVE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHT WORK DAYS. FROM APRIL 23 THRU MAY 6 IT APPEARS THAT SOCOPAO FORWARDED AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN METRIC TONS PER DAY EVEN THOUGH APPROXIMATELY 11,000 MT WERE IN STORAGE ON THE COTONOU DOCKS.

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3. SINCE SOCOPAO/COTONOU RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACT TO FORWARD APPROXIMATELY 2,500 MT OF AID EMERGENCY RELIEF FOOD FROM COTONOU TO GAO, WE ASSUME THAT A FORWARDING PLAN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT WHICH WILL INSURE CONSISTENT EVACUATION RATE OF

THESE FOODS FROM COTONOU. INGERSOLL

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